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Dear Lionel:

Many thanks for your note of congratulations. Obviously I am pleased by the change of position and the new challenges. I also look forward to the opportunity to help Bill across an even broader range of problems and issues.

Again, thanks for your thoughtfulness and let's do stay in touch.

Regards,



Robert M. Gates

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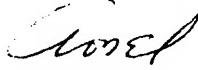
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Dear Bob:

My very best congratulations to you on being selected by the President as the new Deputy Director. You've certainly earned it! I cannot imagine anyone who could have a greater claim on the job in terms of competency and performance. Since possession of the latter two characteristics is not usually sufficient to assure adequate recognition, I take it that you have in your quiver even more than meets the eye!

All good wishes on a smooth confirmation process and for what I know will be a successful, long-term, tour for which the country will be the primary beneficiary.

Sincerely,

  
 Lionel H. Olmer